

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 124

Introduced by Assembly Member Bass

February 16, 2010

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 124—Relative to the Sergeant Curtis Massey Memorial Freeway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 124, as introduced, Bass. Sergeant Curtis Massey Memorial Freeway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of the Interstate 10 Freeway in the City of Los Angeles as the Sergeant Curtis Massey Memorial Freeway. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, January 28, 2010, marks the first anniversary of
2 the tragic death of Sergeant Curtis Massey of the Culver City Police
3 Department; and
4 WHEREAS, On that date in 2009, Sergeant Massey was killed
5 when his unmarked vehicle was struck head-on by a vehicle driven
6 the wrong way on the Interstate 10 Freeway near National
7 Boulevard in the City of Los Angeles; and
8 WHEREAS, Sergeant Massey faithfully served the people of
9 California, and we take this opportunity to look back on his
10 accomplishments and to pay special tribute to his bravery and
11 dedication; and

1 WHEREAS, Sergeant Massey was born on June 1, 1967, the
2 son of Stephen Massey and Padric Davis of Pacific Palisades.
3 Sergeant Massey was born at Santa Monica Hospital, as were his
4 grandmother, mother, and brother; and

5 WHEREAS, Sergeant Massey attended Saint Matthews School
6 and Palisades High School, graduating as part of the class of 1985.
7 In those early years, Sergeant Massey was a role model to many
8 and was instrumental in the lives of young children through his
9 job as a summer camp counselor at St. Matthews Day Camp; and

10 WHEREAS, Sergeant Massey furthered his education at
11 Northern Arizona University where he received his bachelor's
12 degree. In addition to his collegiate work, Sergeant Massey devoted
13 himself, again, to helping others as part of the Flagstaff EMT unit;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, That devotion to helping others led Sergeant
16 Massey to a career in law enforcement. Accordingly, Sergeant
17 Massey graduated from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Academy
18 in 1992; and

19 WHEREAS, Not long thereafter, Sergeant Massey met his wife
20 Melody, and they married in 1994 and soon after started a family;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, Sergeant Massey devoted his life to his family and
23 the public, particularly at-risk youths; and

24 WHEREAS, Serving first as a youth DARE officer and then at
25 the juvenile detective bureau, Sergeant Massey served with the
26 Culver City Police Department for 17 years; and

27 WHEREAS, During that time, Sergeant Massey's admirable
28 drive to protect and serve the public, and his dedication to duty,
29 led Sergeant Massey to be honored as "Officer of the Year" three
30 times within the Culver City Police Department. Sergeant Massey
31 was also a recipient of the "Medal of Valor," the department's
32 highest honor. Sergeant Massey had recently been assigned as the
33 supervisor of the juvenile detective section, and spent a lot of his
34 own free time working with at-risk children; and

35 WHEREAS, Besides his service to the public, Sergeant Massey
36 was instrumental in his own family's lives, and enjoyed his role
37 as a devoted father and husband; and

38 WHEREAS, Sergeant Massey would frequent the local ice
39 cream store with his children in arm, volunteered to carpool

1 children to and from school when his shift would allow, and
2 enjoyed coaching his son's sports teams; and

3 WHEREAS, Sergeant Massey is lovingly remembered by his
4 family and is survived by his wife, Melody, and his three young
5 children; and

6 WHEREAS, For all these reasons, and many more, it is
7 appropriate to recognize Sergeant Massey and his devoted work
8 and commitment as a law enforcement officer; now, therefore, be
9 it

10 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
11 *thereof concurring*, That the portion of the Interstate 10 Freeway
12 in the City of Los Angeles between the exits of National Boulevard
13 and La Cienega Boulevard is hereby designated as the Sergeant
14 Curtis Massey Memorial Freeway; and be it further

15 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
16 to determine the cost of appropriate signs, consistent with the
17 signing requirements for the state highway system, showing this
18 special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate
19 sources sufficient to cover that cost, to erect those signs; and be it
20 further

21 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
22 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
23 author for appropriate distribution.